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Is there enough that you can do to Microsoft to make it a nicer company? I don t know that s not my place. The only thing that I can do is to not purchase their software (if possible). I find that after using MS Windows Macintosh Linux and UNIX systems for the almost 20 years that I ve been in the industry MS Windows is the most unstable of the bunch. I m not a software vendor but I have had experience with many different types of software (hospital industry) and it seems that the fewer types of software that is installed on a Windows PC the better it runs. That s fine if you live in Nirvana Utopia. But I live in Real World USA. People can not have 6 different machines sitting on there desk tweaked to run a specific application because one application needs version A of a DLL file and a different application needs version B of the same DLL.   Competition::I remember always hearing people comment about wanting to come up with a great software idea and then be purchased by Microsoft... Neat. Retire a millionaire no worries. What could happen if you didn t sell your idea to MS. Seems that they would purchase a competitor s product stamp Microsoft on it and then sell it. The product could be a piece of crap but since it has Microsoft on the label people would buy it because it would interface better with other Microsoft applications.   Right now I m faced with vendors that are changing their server-based requirements from Novell to Microsoft. Why I don t know I m not one of their programmers. And I feel nervous about it. Why should I feel nervous about the NOS a vendor wants to use. NT (and other MS apps) has been and will continue to be the target of hackers crackers and virus creators. I ve only had one virus where I work and it came through an MS email program (worm). I ve also only had one virus at my home computer. At the time of the virus I was using Windows 3.11. I have been using a Macintosh for about 5-6 years now and h